



# Inside College Station

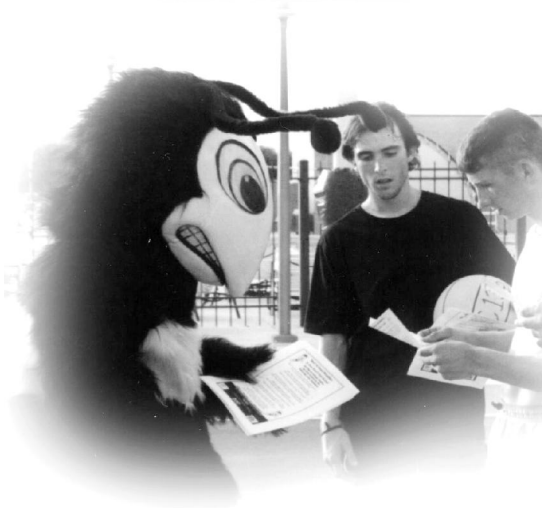
*A publication for College Station citizens*

## Are You "Beeing" a Good Neighbor?

College Station residents are some of the friendliest people you'll ever meet, but occasional frustrations arise when neighbors have differences in expectations. Students living on their own for the first time might have different ideas than an older resident. Renters have different priorities than home owners.

College Station Community Enhancement is tasked with enforcing the city's codes and ordinances. Their innovative "Bee a Good Neighbor" program, the first of its kind in this area, educates residents on what constitutes a violation, how to report one, and what steps you can take to keep from alienating your neighbors.

One of the most frequently reported types of violation involves property appearance. You may not be Martha Stewart, but everyone can keep a yard or patio looking



neat and clean. Here are some tips:

- ✓ Mow on a regular basis
- ✓ Keep indoor furniture inside
- ✓ Don't overflow your garbage can (if you have a party or other event and have a large amount of trash, call CS Sanitation at 764-3690 to schedule a pickup!)
- ✓ Put your trash container away within 12 hours of collection.

Another frequently reported issue involves parking. No one wants to live next door to a junk yard or parking lot. Here are some suggestions to keep from getting ticketed:

- ✓ Parking in the yard or any unpaved surface violates city ordinance. To avoid a ticket, park only in an appropriately marked space.
- ✓ If parking in the street, get as close to the curb as you can, and make sure your car is facing the correct direction.
- ✓ Junked or inoperable cars shouldn't be left on the street or in a driveway.

It only takes a few minutes to BEE a good neighbor and ensure that your neighbors aren't buzzing about living next door to you. For more information about the "BEE a Good Neighbor" program, call 764-6363.

## Mark Your Calendar for The Big Event

On any given Saturday, you'd expect the area's many college students to be sleeping in or catching up on a little studying, but on March 25, thousands of Texas A&M students will be out and about in the community, doing both simple and complex chores to help neighbors.



*The Big Event* is now the largest, one-day, student run, service project in the nation. From humble beginnings in 1982 of six people who wanted to say "Thanks" to the community they lived in, *The Big Event* has expanded to include over 900 jobs and 8,000 students. Future plans include establishing an endowment fund, adding more jobs and students, and expanding nationally to other universities. Typical jobs include painting, moving dirt, raking leaves, cleaning windows, etc.

### Have a job?

Job request forms can be found online at <http://bigevent.tamu.edu/> or by calling 845-9618. Forms are due by February 24.

### Are you a student who wants to volunteer?

Participation forms will be available on campus and are due March 3. Sign up now with your organization or as an individual to participate in one of Texas A&M's finest traditions. *For more information call 845-9618.*



## Dates to Remember

**February 6-17 Warrant Amnesty Period**, CS Municipal Court, 764-3683

**February 8 Senior Computer Club**, 9-10:30 a.m., 764-6371

**February 9 City Council**, Work/Study Session 3 p.m., Regular Meeting 7 p.m., City Hall

**February 10 CSISD Student Holiday**

**February 10-12 Pool Trout Fishout** Southwood Hallaran Pool 764-3486

**February 14 Valentines Day**

**February 18 Round Top Market Fest**, (979) 249-3308

**February 19 Bridal Show & Benefit**, Reed Arena, <http://ido-ido.org>

**February 22 Senior Computer Club**, 9-10:30 a.m., 764-6371

**February 23 The Life of the Buffalo Soldiers**, Presented by the Bush Library Storytellers Guild, 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., 691-4015

**Soul Food Luncheon**, Lincoln Recreation Center, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 764-3779

**City Council**, Work/Study Session 3 p.m., Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

**February 25-26 2006 Home & Garden Show**, Brazos Center, 846-1420

**March 9 Texas History**, Presented by the Bush Library Storytellers Guild, 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., 691-4015

**City Council**, Work/Study Session 3 p.m., Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall

**March 13-17 Spring Break**

**March 18 Round Top Market Fest**, (979) 249-3308

**March 23 City Council**, Work/Study Session 3 p.m., Regular Meeting

**March 25 Budweiser Duck Jam**, Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater, [www.budweiserduckjam.com](http://www.budweiserduckjam.com)

## News to know

**â** How does your garden grow? With a master composter class, of course. The Master Composting Training program is perfect for individuals who want to gain composting expertise and assist in educating their community in the area of backyard composting. The program provides an opportunity for hands-on experience, lectures by guest speakers, instructional books and videos, and an overview of the latest composting tools and techniques. The next session will be held on March 8, 9, and 11. The \$15 class fee covers a t-shirt, instructional materials, compost bin and lunch on Saturday. For more information, call 764-3806.

**ï** Haven't been keeping up with that New Year's Resolution to get fit? Here is the chance to get back on track. Walk Across Texas is a free 8 week physical activity program with one goal in mind - to increase your level of physical activity. *Walk Across Texas*, which was established by Texas Cooperative Extension, will help you establish a foundation of group support that can motivate you to start and continue exercising regularly. Visit [www.brazoswat.com](http://www.brazoswat.com) or call (979) 823-0129 or go online to [www.walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu](http://www.walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu) for more information.

**K** Want to take the kids fishing? Get your cane poles or rod and reel ready. College Station Parks & Recreation's 25th Pool Trout Fishout will be held February 10-12 at the Southwood Hallaran Swimming Pool (1600 Rock Prairie Road). Hallaran pool will be stocked with 1,000 lbs of trout for the fishout. Those who catch one of the specially tagged fish will win a prize - including summer swim passes. Entry fee is \$3 per person - ages 3 and up, with a 5 fish limit. Call 764-3486.

**j** The young and the young-at-heart now have the unique opportunity to ride a quarter-scale Union Pacific Train around Research Park on the Texas A&M campus. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at the Bush Museum ticket counter using cash, credit or check. Rides are Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and run every 30 minutes, weather permitting. Rides are offered week-ends through July 31.

The train rides are being held in conjunction with Trains: Tracks of the Iron Horse exhibit now on display at the museum. The exhibit includes a collection of historic and contemporary photographs by noted railroad photographers and hundreds of three-dimensional objects including railroad china, scale models, and a variety of contemporary and historic railroad artifacts.